

North Dakota's Top 5 Agricultural Exports

Wheat and products	\$280 million
Sunflower seed and oil	\$188 million
Vegetables and preparation	\$130 million
Soybeans and products	\$113 million
Feed grains and products	\$ 98 million
Overall	\$918 million

What's in a Bushel?

Corn	1 Bushel = 56 Pounds
Soybeans	1 Bushel = 60 Pounds
Barley	1 Bushel = 48 Pounds
Wheat	1 Bushel = 60 Pounds

North Dakota
farmland would
cover 12 million city
blocks!

North Dakota ranks **FIRST** in the Nation in the production of the following commodities:

2000	Percent of the U.S.
Flaxseed	93%
Canola	82%
Durum Wheat	71%
Pinto Beans	50%
Sunflower	49%
Spring Wheat	42%
Barley	31%
All Dry Edible Beans	29%
Honey	15%

Did you Know?

North Dakota farmers and ranchers annually produce enough:

- ▶ Wheat for 114 billion sandwiches
- ▶ Barley for 50 billion cans of beer
- ▶ Potatoes for 232 million servings of french fries
- ▶ Durum for 90 servings of pasta for every American
- ▶ Beef for 121 million hamburgers
- ▶ Wool for 625,000 sweaters
- ▶ Milk for 1.3 billion glasses
- ▶ Pork for 49 million pork chops
- ▶ Sunflowers to fill over 400 million bags of sunflower seeds

Technology on America's Farms

- ▶ **Computers** are used on 90.7% of today's farms.
- ▶ The **Internet** is accessible in 77.2% of farms.
- ▶ 87.4% of farmers own **cellular telephones**.
- ▶ **Fax machines** are used by 51.3% of farmers.
- ▶ **On-line purchases** are made by 25.5% of farmers.

Source: American Farm Bureau

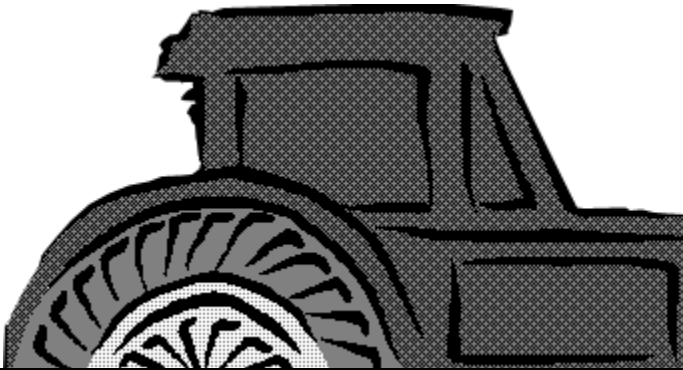
Where Does Your Food Dollar Go?

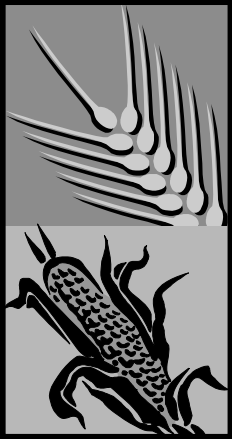
Off Farm

Advertising	4¢
Transportation	4¢
Repairs and depreciation	5¢
Fuel, electricity & rent	7¢
Packaging	9¢
Interest, taxes, other costs	12¢
Labor	39¢

On Farm

Farmers and ranchers	20¢
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What is a Farmer?

- An Entrepreneur
- A Soil Conservationist
- A Mechanical Engineer
- An Animal Caretaker
- A Bookkeeper
- A Computer Programmer
- A Financial Planner
- A Community Leader
- An Environmentalist
- An Accountant
- A Business Person

Agriculture is a Leading Industry in North Dakota

- ▶ North Dakota agriculture is a \$2.8 billion industry.
- ▶ North Dakota consumers only spend 11 percent of their gross income on food, compared to 17 percent in Germany, 51 percent in India, and 24 percent in Mexico.
- ▶ North Dakota farms provide food and habitat for 75 percent of the state's wildlife.
- ▶ North Dakota has 30,300 family farms and ranches. The average size of a North Dakota farm is 1,300 acres.
- ▶ 39.4 million acres - nearly 90 percent of North Dakota's land area - is in farms and ranches.
- ▶ It takes just 38 days for most Americans to earn enough money to pay for their yearly food supply.
- ▶ North Dakota-based new generation cooperatives have about 8,600 members. These cooperatives generate more than 1,320 jobs.



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